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SPOILED BY A COOK

CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE IN A WOMEN'S BOARDING HOUSE.

Maw a Famished Tableful Had to Wait for Their Turkey Until the Belligerent Female Could Be Coaxed from the Room.

"My most unpleasant and yet most comical experience of Christmas-keeping," said the concert singer, "dates back to the time when I lived for economy's sake in a home for working women. The cook we had was a good one, and so, when Christmas day came, we all felt assured that at one o'clock we should have our orthodox turkey-and-plum-pudding dinner.

"But one bottle of whisky, smuggled into a Christian kitchen, will upset the expectations of 30 hungry boarders. Just how many drinks the cook had that morning, I cannot say, but when dinner time came she was belligerently drunk. The turkey was as well roasted as though she had been sober, but what was that to the boarders in general, when she stood over it, carving-knife in hand, declaring that not a soul in that dining-room should have a mouthful of it but mamma and myself?

"Vainly did the matron threaten and entreat. The determined cook was not to be disarmed. Mamma and I were bountifully helped, but the others sat and waited, wondering what would be the outcome of the trouble. Finally, the defeated matron came out of the kitchen, and with tears in her voice, said to me:

"I can do nothing with her. Will you go in and see what you can do?"

"And so I went in, and in my most affable manner invited intoxicated Bridget to sit down and have a friendly cup of tea with myself. She complied, though with an eye still on the turkey. After we had had our tea, by exerting all of my arts and wiles I persuaded her to go up stairs and to bed. It was not until she was safely out of the kitchen that dinner was served to the other boarders.

"Of course the next day there was a bad quarter of an hour for that cook, one that ended with her 'getting her duds together and skipping.' Many, in fact, all of us, were ready to plead for her, knowing that she could not easily be replaced; but the matron was adamant, protesting that in her experience with the creature she had already forgiven her until seventy times seven, and she wasn't going to forgive her again. And I heard afterward that it was really a year or more before the woman was taken back again into that kitchen.

"Naturally, it was easier for the other boarders, who, you may be sure, resented that 'invasion of their wittles,' to forgive the cook than to make friends with mamma and me, and from that time on we were the most unpopular persons in the house. We had been ruined by a cook's favor. It would not have mattered so much about the boarders, but the defection of her kitchen head was too much for the matron's magnanimity, and as she managed the lady managers of that institution, it was not very long before we too, in our culinary friend's language, had to 'get our duds together and skip.'"

HOW ST. NICK FOOLED JOHNNY.

The Boy's Parent Bought Useful Presents When Santa Passed Him By

"I'll lay for St. Nicholas," Johnny said to his little sister, Sue.

"Why?" she asked.

"If he wants to leave useful presents I'll just stop him!" was his boastful answer.

"You'd best not!" Sue said—girls have these premonitions.

He said: "Pshaw, I'm as fey as St. Nicholas!" and while his little sister lay asleep he watched.

Time passed. The clock struck midnight. Then he saw his papa and his mamma entering silently with certain bundles.

"What's up?" he called to them.

"Where's St. Nicholas? I've been laying for him so's to head him off from leaving clothes and things as he did last year!"

"Rash boy!" said his father, after a moment of reflection. "Your mamma overheard your audacious plan—which almost kept St. Nicholas from the house! I assure you I would not

SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION

By authority of a judgment in partition rendered by the Circuit Court of Monroe County Missouri on August term 1908 in the partition suit of

Robt. P. Mudd, et al,
Plaintiffs,
vs
Hattie Lee Mudd, et al,
Defendants.

certified and delivered to me. I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Court House in the City of Paris in said County and State on

Friday, December 18th, 1908.

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F. M. NOLEN,
Sheriff, Monroe County, Missouri.

have intervened but for the sake of your sister."

"How? What?" asked John.

"Hush! Yes, St. Nicholas was very angry you should dare to criticize his gifts. He would have passed us altogether had I not gone to the roof and said: 'St. Nicholas, don't go off like that. I have a little daughter who is innocent. Give me her presents!'"

"Did he give them, papa?" asked the boy.

"For sure."

"Then what are those store bundles?" "They are your gifts!" answered papa, spreading out the useful objects—I think that it was a new hat, overshoes and an umbrella. As St. Nicholas left nothing for you, your mamma and I went out and bought them!"

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